

sionary who frequently has to haggle his way through because he has to saw single-handed. We can not know what true progress means until there is a hearty pull at each end of the gospel saw.

Here we have been now for quite a while and some have perhaps been wondering at our slow movements. Do you know that there is one very short way out of this trouble, and only one way? Do you ask what that way is? Do you believe me that it would be a very easy thing to do to have a chapel of our own within the next six months in the capital city? Yes, I am sure you will agree with me when I say that there is but one thing required to do all this, and that is for the hand of the brotherhood to simply grasp the other handle of the gospel saw and pull—pull just a *little*. That is all that is needed. And when I say brotherhood, that means *you*, my brother, yes, I mean *you*, not that other fellow; it means *you*, sister, not that other lady.

Now will you please take hold of the handle at once and pull your part? I know you are too manly, too womanly, to stand and see Brother Lyon and a few others pull *their* end of the saw and then ask them to *push*, what you will have to *pull*, if you ever wish to see the log sawed off, that is to build the Washington City house of worship.

Now to all those who have so far failed to put their hand to the handle, I make this suggestion: Celebrate Christmas of 1898 by a hearty pull on this old gospel saw, and help us get the log off. Better demonstrate your loyalty to the cross, even tho you eat less cake and candy and other good (?) things that make you poor and the doctor rich! Say, what think you of that kind of a way of celebrating Christmas?

Our dear Sister Beachley of Meyersdale has been talking of inaugurating a movement in the way of getting the Young People's Societies, Sunday schools, etc., to see how many "*bricks*," they will each agree to furnish in the church at Washington. Amen, Sister Beachley, just so we get enough hands to pull on the saw and we will get the church here in the infancy of 1899. Let there be a movement all along the line on Christmas and the results will be astonishing.

Don't let any one stand off and criticize the sawyer who has to pull and push, too. Just take hold of the other end yourself and *pull*, yes, actually *pull*, and when you get the returns after all *hands* have *pulled a little* you will no doubt think of the words we used to practice on at school: "*I never saw a saw saw like that saw saws.*"

Before I close I must refer to some who have been nobly pulling on this gospel saw. I will make a further reference, first, to the dear young brother now in a certain college, (I am not at liberty to give his name,) who has pledged himself to give ten dollars, even tho he is on borrowed capital in order to finish his course. He trusts the Lord for the ten dollars, and let me tell you now that he will be on hand with his money when the time comes to redeem that pledge. That is

the kind of faith that pleases the Lord and brings blessing. That brother knows what it is to *pull* his end of the saw.

And then there is our dear old brother, J. K. Leedy of Tom's Brook, Virginia, out selling medicine and sending in one dollar out of every six for the church in Washington, and he is a poor man, too, in this world's goods.

And then there is brother D. C. Moomaw of Roanoke, Virginia, he and his congregation months ago took hold of their end of the saw and with results most gratifying. This is the only congregation where there has been a regular canvass made. Why should this be so?

But I must stop here. Let every brave, loyal heart now come to the rescue. Let no one refuse to pull. Every one can pull a little. Will you not all pull and do it *now*?

Church News

Hoosier Echoes, Farewell; Milledgeville Notes, Greeting

About four and one-half years ago I began my work in the ministry, leaving my home in Ohio to take charge of the Mt. Pleasant church in Clinton Co., Ind., where I spent three and one-half years very pleasantly. I shall always remember my labors there, it being my first charge, occupying one-half my time. The other half, as much of the work in Indiana is, was pretty much scattered, and one year I preached for three other churches, preaching fourteen sermons every four weeks. My last work was North Manchester, Flora and Darwin, having been preaching at Flora for the last three years and eight months. There I had my most varied experience as a pastor, learning the need of moral back-bone to enable one to take a stand for right and to stay by it. Some noble Christian characters have been developed there. It was sad to part with them, but not quite so much so as to part with the brethren and sisters at Darwin, where less than two years ago I began preaching the Brethren doctrine for the first time in that place, but God blessed us from the beginning and we left the work there in good condition, with a large, new church-house and sixty-two members. The years spent in Indiana were happy, busy years, necessitating the travel of fifteen thousand miles and the preaching of seven hundred and sixty-seven sermons.

God blessed other's labors more abundantly than he did mine, but I have no reason to complain as he used me in gathering one hundred and fifty-eight souls into the church. May the Lord bless the work in Indiana.

My call came from this field to Illinois unexpectedly, and the change was made rather hurriedly, but I feel that it is for the best. I did not like to leave Indiana, but there are idle workers in the state and I felt my services were needed here more than there. We received a hearty welcome from the good people here and feel that we will enjoy our work, especially so, that it does not require

me to be away from home so much of the time, and every Sunday is spent right at home.

We are now in the midst of a revival meeting, but have not preached long enough yet to judge what the result will be. The attendance and interest are good and we are trying to do our best, and are willing to leave the results in the care of the Lord. Brethren, pray for our success.

R. R. TEETER.

Milledgeville, Ill.

Bethany, Kans.

The Bethany congregation concluded to have an all day meeting on Thanksgiving which we think is a very nice way to spend the day and give thanks to the bountiful Giver of all good and from whom all our blessings come. We met at eleven for preaching service and was fortunate enough to be accompanied by Bro. Gillin, from Iowa, who preached an excellent sermon, telling us of the many things we have to be thankful for and especially for our neat house of worship.

The sisters brought a couple oil stoves and placed them in the vestibule and the tables in the class room, which was converted into a dining room for the present and soon the doors were thrown open and we were invited to a dinner, such as Kansas women only can prepare. Every one was feasted royally and plenty to take home. The preachers' wives were remembered with nice boxes, filled with good things. The social feature of the meeting was enjoyed by all and many expressed a desire to repeat the program next Thanksgiving. While the first tables were eating, our brethren and sisters very quietly provided cash to pay off the little indebtedness that was on paper, so that Bethany is free from debt.

We have in the Bethany congregation a band of sisters who are to be commended for their labor in the church, often working two days in the week. God bless the good women in our churches everywhere for the noble service they are rendering the church financially and spiritually. After the dinner hour we again held a short service with songs and short talks and then dismissed with the impress that the day had been appropriately spent. Brethren, we think this is the proper way to spend Thanksgiving where the poor and rich all share alike.

JNO. N. BURNSWORTH.

New Brethren Church Dedicated Near Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 4

The congregation at Warsaw has been fostering several mission points and at one of these called Dutchtown, seven miles north-east of Warsaw Brother Flora held a meeting last winter which resulted in the organization of a new class. The people immediately set to work to build a church and finally completed the work. It is a beautiful building, nicely located and well furnished. The dedication was a happy occasion. Besides the writer who preached the sermon,